



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5113

January Session, 2013



AN ACT CONCERNING POOL SAFETY AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) As used in this
2 section, "school swimming pool" means an artificial basin constructed
3 of concrete, steel, fiberglass or other relatively impervious material that
4 is provided with a controlled water supply and is approved by a local
5 or regional board of education for student aquatic activities, including,
6 but not limited to, swimming recreation, instruction, practice and
7 competition.

8 (b) No person shall act as a swimming coach, instructor or teacher at
9 a school swimming pool unless such person (1) is certified as a
10 lifeguard or water safety instructor by the American Red Cross, the
11 Young Men's Christian Association or another nationally recognized
12 organization that conducts aquatic training programs, (2) is certified in
13 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, pursuant to section 19a-113a-1 of the
14 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, as amended from time to
15 time, and (3) has completed a course in first aid and on the use of an
16 automatic external defibrillator offered by the American Red Cross, the
17 American Heart Association, the Department of Public Health or any
18 director of health, as certified by the agency or director of health
19 offering the course.

20 (c) Whenever a school swimming pool is used by one or more
 21 students for aquatic activities, including, but not limited to, swimming
 22 recreation, instruction, lessons or competition, there shall be at least
 23 one person present, in addition to any swimming coach, instructor,
 24 teacher or other person conducting or supervising such aquatic
 25 activities, whose primary responsibility is to monitor such school
 26 swimming pool for swimmers who are in distress. Such person shall
 27 (1) be certified as a lifeguard by the American Red Cross, the Young
 28 Men's Christian Association or another nationally recognized
 29 organization that conducts aquatic training programs, (2) be certified
 30 in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, pursuant to section 19a-113a-1 of the
 31 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, as amended from time to
 32 time, and (3) have completed a course in first aid and on the use of an
 33 automatic external defibrillator offered by the American Red Cross, the
 34 American Heart Association, the Department of Public Health or any
 35 director of health, as certified by the agency or director of health
 36 offering the course. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to
 37 swimming practices at which there is present at least one swimming
 38 coach or other person who has completed the certifications and
 39 courses described in subsection (b) of this section.

40 (d) Each local or regional board of education that allows student
 41 aquatic activities at a school swimming pool shall, not later than July 1,
 42 2014, develop a pool safety plan that ensures compliance with this
 43 section and includes any other provisions deemed necessary and
 44 appropriate for ensuring the safety of students who use such school
 45 swimming pool for aquatic activities. Such pool safety plan shall be
 46 reviewed and updated as necessary prior to the commencement of
 47 each school year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
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PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*